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Even the New York World now refers to it as the Department of In-Justice.

The Gazette of yesterday was red-hot. Morrow must have a ton or two of coal left over from the winter.

APRIL Sundays have not been favorable to the display of new spring bonnets to admiring congregations.

It is amusing to see how carefully the Republican speaks of the action of the Metropolitan Street Railroad Company in tearing up the road of the Belt Line.

The Judge is publishing some excellent Sunday-school literature just now. Its last story illustrates the danger of leaving a vessel to incompetent hands to manage.

The weather yesterday morning was wretched. Nevertheless the churches were all pretty well attended; proof that the people of Washington are a church-going people.

ROBERTSON says Brewster has the advantage of the other gentlemen whom the caricaturists delight to picture; for, says he, "No artist can make Brewster uglier than he is."

DID SHAKESPEARE have a dodo in mind when he put in the mouth of one of the characters in "The Tempest" the words, "I shall hang myself to death at this puppy-headed monster?"

The Post of this morning wastes several inches of its valuable space in branding as false and ridiculous a statement made by one Smalley, who writes from London to an obscure paper in New York city.

The Democrats are preparing to make things lively in the next Congress for Republican officials. Investigation will be the order of the day, and many Republicans will be tarred with the Democratic sticks.

EX-GOVERNOR SHEPHERD will return here in two months, after an absence of three years. Our citizens will give him a welcome that will go far to compensate him for the abuse he has received in the past.

THAT story telegraphed all the way from Pottsville, Pa., about a harmless dog mauling and trying to eat a five-year-old boy may safely be put along side of the Texas meteor yarn and similar brilliant exploits of the veracious drummer.

IN ANY one wants to read a book, replete of the field and forest, and full of quaint and scientific knowledge of birds and flowers and grasses, let him buy "Collin Clon's Calendar." It will almost make him young again to read it.

IN THE RETIREMENT of Commissioner Baum the country loses a faithful, earnest and honest official. No man could have done better than he has done for six long years. He deserves a rest and great success in all his future enterprises.

BALTIMORE has a Methodist Church where "responsive services are recited by the congregation, including the Apostle's Creed and the Psalter." Old-fashioned Wesley Methodists are said to regard it a departure from approved methods, which is only saying what everybody knew.

IT IS ABOUT TIME that some precautions were taken to prevent outbreaks of violence in our public parks. It is not a very creditable state of affairs when a man can be set upon by a band of ruffians, and have his throat cut, within a stone's throw of the Capitol building, and no officer to interfere.

THE English-American press take the successful formation of the National Irish League very hard. They wanted a Killenny cat fight of time, and were disappointed. They begin to understand that Irish-Americans mean to see justice done to Ireland, and what it may. Hence their tears of vexation.

DYNAMITE discoveries are reported daily from London. One day it is the discovery of a new dynamite factory and the next day it is a discovery that something is to be blown up somewhere. It all smacks a good deal of the cry of wolf, and when the wolf actually does come no one will believe it unless somebody is hurt.

Mrs. THOMPSON avers that the Hon. Phil killed an innocent man. And they try to make it out that Miss Backer, who is a divorced woman for cause, wanted to ruin Mrs. Thompson. Hence the Cincinnati hotel story. But the fact remains that Thompson believed that he was killing a guilty man, and that great good reason to believe it, and the country sympathizes with him in his trouble.

THE excursion season on the Potomac opens promisingly. Already one of the steamboat lines advertises a daily line to Norfolk and Fortress Monroe, and it will no doubt be followed by a like announcement from the other company. Then we have the boats that confine themselves to the intermediate landings, to which class a new boat has been added. The Potomac will no doubt be livelier than ever this season.

CAREY, the infamous informer, whose perjured testimony has already started several men on the way to the scaffold, was, it seems, a red-headed murderer long before his self-confessed participation in the assassination of Lord Cavendish and Mr. Burke. Dispatches from Dublin mention at least four cases against him. Will he be tried and punished for them, or is it a part of the price of his perjury that all his bloody offenses are to be condoned?

Now comes Martha Hughes, a Mississippi prophetess of doozy hue, who outdoes Wiggins and our own weather bureau in the prophetic business. She announces the coming of the end of the world, and preaches that the late cyclone was the forerunner. It is said she preaches to thousands by the side of camp fires, that great democratizing creature people about Jackson, and that the prophetess always takes up a collection. We can swallow the latter statement without sale.

THE brewers, distillers and saloon-keepers of Cincinnati have decided to resist the Scott Tax Law. They may as well understand first as last that the real liquor question now is between a tax or license and prohibition, and not such prohibition as obtains in Ohio either, but prohibition of manufacture and sale. And while this will not stop the sale of liquors, and hardly check the sale of spirits, it will stop the manufacture of beer, wine and whisky. Moreover, there are thousands of people in Ohio, and everywhere, who while they think the policy of prohibition wrong, and a failure, when the choice is between prohibition and free whisky, unhesitatingly take sides with prohibition. THE CRITIC feels that way.

IT WILL BE INTERESTING to know whether J. W. Thompson and his Metropolitan Street Railroad are "bigger" than Congress. The result of the fight between the Metropolitan and Belt roads will decide the matter. The Belt road has Congress and the people behind it, but the Metropolitan has J. W. Thompson. The result is therefore doubtful.

## THE CRITIC ABROAD.

The most noted gambler at the present time—notable by reason of his remarkable winnings at cards—is "Dink" Davis, of New York. Of all men in the world he bears the least resemblance to the typical gambler. He is a young man, the son of a Pennsylvania farmer, and drifted to New York some years ago in all appearances the ideal green provincial. He had some money, and the mild sports of the metropolis thought they had a soft soap on the fresh young countryman. They were woefully disappointed. To the present time he clings to his country make-up and lack of style. He is a tall, lanky fellow, dressed in the shabbiest and slouchiest sort of hand-me-down clothes, adorned with jewelry, not even a watch, and is utterly regardless as to the condition of his linen.

A few months ago, when the dealer in a well-fare bank turned down the box, "Dink" having won \$17,000 in a single sitting, a friend called to him:

"Say, Dink, now that you've won all that money you can afford to have that hole in your neck patched up."

"Now I can't," drawled the "lucky" man, depositing his wad of bills in his inside vest pocket. "I can't afford to be stylish now. I want all my money to play for bank notes."

Playing against the bank is food, sleep and miment to him. He wants nothing else on this torrid sphere.

Speaking of Brewster and his vanity the other evening, a gentleman who has long been a close observer of public men said he was reminded of a story he once heard in the West:

"Two brothers, both long noted in the neighborhood for their lack of wit, got into a quarrel and called each other fools. Said one to the other:

"Yes, they call me a fool, but you know you are a bigger fool than I am."

"Yes," replied Bill, "I know I am a fool, but you haven't sense enough to know you are a fool."

Apocryphal of Barnum's show, Durand, the gentlemanly press agent, tells how Jumbo came to be such a feature of the advertisements of the show. Barnum had heard of a big, overgrown elephant in the Zoological Gardens of London that could be bought at a bargain, and he immediately set out to buy him, simply with the idea of adding to the number of his elephants. At that time in the great showman's mind he was simply an elephant, nothing more. But when Jumbo came to be taken to America, he was found to be a very different animal, when he got to the gate of the gardens he laid down and would not go out. He had been in the gardens fifteen or sixteen years, and he evidently was loath to leave. Anyhow, he could not be induced to go through the gate. The fact was published in the London papers, and immediately a cry went up from the people that he must not go, and the agent was notified that under the circumstances the elephant would not be given up. The London Telegram cabled the facts of the case to Barnum with a request to answer by cable without limit what he intended to do. Barnum was in England, and Mr. Durand immediately telegraphed to Barnum. In two hours the great showman was in New York. The first words he said were, "Durand, this is the opportunity of my life. Durand replied that he did not think so; that he had had Jennie Lind, Tom Thumb and many other attractions, which were greater features than this elephant could possibly be worked up to be. But Barnum persisted that he considered this the greatest opportunity of his life, and he sat down and dictated a dispatch in answer, into which he incorporated a description of his elephant as a showman and of all the principal features of his present show, and wound up with the statement that he had paid for the elephant and he must have him; he was his property and he would take him away, and directed Durand to send it by cable, collect on delivery. Durand remonstrated that that would be a rather mean and little thing to do, and wanted to pay for the dispatch in advance, but Barnum would not have it. "You know," he said, "I do not care for the price of the telegram, but it would defeat my plans. Send it collect, and if necessary I will pay for it afterwards." The dispatch was sent and cost \$300. It was published in the London papers, and was recalled back and was published the next morning by the Associated Press. Durand's reply was that he then saw that Barnum was right, as he always is in the estimate of what a thing is worth. The people of London still protest against the exportation of the elephant, and finally it went to the courts. Of course the result was that the Court said the elephant belonged to Barnum, and he could take him as he was. The case decided the next thing was to get Jumbo's conveyance. After many trials, always resulting in failure, a strategy was resorted to. A huge box was built, mounted on small wheels, and after much trouble the great beast was induced to enter, and his removal was accomplished. "Of course," said Durand, "we did not let the public interest, once aroused, lag. Every incident connected with his removal was worked into the newspapers, and the story was published here, and for a long time Jumbo was a national issue, until he arrived in the harbor of New York and was landed and hauled up to the entire length of Broadway by a team of a dozen elephants."

"What was the result?" asked the Critic.

"Fay Advertising always pays," said the experienced agent. "Why, it's an absolute fact—no show talk—but absolutely true, on my honor as a gentleman—that Barnum's show cleared last year over \$500,000, and it is within bounds to say that \$500,000 of that amount was due to Jumbo. It is also true that if it had not been for the genius of Barnum, and his ability to grasp opportunities, that Jumbo would not have been worth any more than any other great, big, overgrown elephant, notwithstanding he is the largest beast living."

"Is it not singular how hard it is to please some men?" said a mealy-looking individual to the Critic last night at the Baltimore & Ohio Depot.

"Why, my friend, what is the matter

with you? What has transpired that you should make such an inquiry of me?"

"Do you see those two men standing in the baggage-room?"

"I do; what of it?"

"Well, they are Indians, and are just on the eve of starting out to their homes. They stand in with the railroad, I know, for they both had dead-head tickets. But what I wanted to get at in this; You notice that long, slim one, don't you?"

"Yes."

"Well, he went to the baggage-master and showed his pass to Fostoria, and asked to have his trunk checked to Muncie. The baggage-master told him he could not do it; had no checks over the road from Fostoria to Muncie; in fact did not make connections with the road that long-legs one asked him if he could not make a special check for him. The baggage-master told him no; he could only send his trunk to Fostoria. The Muncie man thought it very strange, whereupon the long man who had been standing quietly by listening, put in and said:

"Oh, well, we have got fifteen hours at Fostoria to check them in. What is the use of kicking here? We are both of us with dead-head passes, and you are kicking because the road don't send your trunk right to your door?"

That kind of quieted the nerves of the young fellow, and he dried up.

We are always on the alert to secure novelties in fabrics for our tailoring department. We dress some of the best people of Washington, Eteman Bros., the most prominent tailors and clothiers, corner of Seventh and B.

Work and Wages. The cigar-makers employed by Vetterlin Brothers, Philadelphia, asked for an advance of \$1 per thousand a few days ago. The firm agreed to grant an increase of 50 cents on some brands and \$1 on others. These terms did not suit the workmen, who insisted on a general advance of \$1. The firm has discharged all hands. The cigar-makers of Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., have given notice of a strike on May 1.

Another strike of the tobacco operatives of Lynchburg, Va., is impending. A demand for increased prices was made on Saturday by several hundred printers and steamers through a laboring association. If the tobaccoists do not comply with their demand the operatives threaten to suspend work.

Twenty-two cotton mills in Philadelphia have yielded to the demand of the boomers and asked for a 10 per cent advance. Most of the other mills work has been suspended.

"Alderney Dairy Wagon." Fresh Alderney butter, made every morning and delivered in 1/2 h. Wagon, price 45c. per lb. Also, cottage cheese, butter milk and sweet milk, 5c. per qt. Cream, 15c. per pint.

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